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METHOD FOR TREATING TYPE-II
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RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION - RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action dated December 27, 2002, which sought clarification on Applicant's response to a restriction requirement. The Applicant and the undersigned attorney apologize for any confusion.

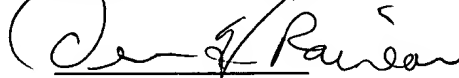
In response thereto, Applicant again elects Group 2, claims 5, 6, and 13 drawn to a method of controlling the membrane structure of a starch granule; and a method for starch cell wall strengthening. This election is without traverse.

As this Response is submitted within the shortened statutory period, it is believed that no additional fees are due. In the event that the undersigned is

mistaken in his calculations, an appropriate extension of time to respond is most respectfully requested.

In the event the undersigned has miscalculated the fee, or any additional fees or extensions are required, the Commissioner is also requested to bill those amounts to the undersigned attorney of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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